

2987SOUTH CAVE PARISH COUNCIL

5th September 2023

An Extra-Ordinary meeting was held at **The Town Hall, Market Place, South Cave** at 7:00p.m on Tuesday 5th September 2023

Present: Cllrs Edmond (chair), Turner, Barnett, Bateman, Arnold, Foley & Stephenson
Mrs L. Fielding (Clerk)

- 1 **Apologies for absence**
Cllr Barnett proposed the Parish Council accept apologies from Cllrs Tudor-Price, Rignall & Long , Seconded Cllr Bateman, All in favour
There were no apologies received from Cllr Thornham
- 2 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Edmond, Turner, Barnett, Bateman, Arnold, Foley & Stephenson declared a non pecuniary interest in item number 3 **North Humber to High Marnham - EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation(Northern Powergrid)**
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Cllr Edmond proposed the Parish Council submit the following letter in response to the consultation, Seconded Cllr Stevenson, All in favour

The Parish Council's original recommendation which was submitted, for the proposed route from Woodale to past Broomfleet, would be to run cables underground. This would ensure no settlement would be enclosed within two rows of surface pylons.

The Parish Council raised the following concerns relating to the proposals, which include the impact on the economy, environment, wildlife & visual amenity of the area:

1. Overhead high voltage power lines are not a 'fit and forget' piece of infrastructure, they will require access by both land and air, for maintenance purposes including component replacement, painting etc. and create significant noise especially when the air is damp, and also the possible health risks.
2. Visual Amenity impact on the Conservation Area if the lines are overhead.
3. The importance of the views and footpath of the Wolds Way should be preserved along with the mature woodlands.
4. From the interactive maps supplied, they have a very narrow corridor across Woodale and Mount Airy which would grossly impact the landscape, natural habitat and the Wolds Way National Trail.
5. Concerns in terms of the impact this plan and its infrastructure will cause a negative impact on property prices.
6. Further information and reassurance required with regards to electricity force fields particularly at the Cross Over point and the potential impact on the health of humans and livestock.

7. Concerns expressed that the lines could become an ecological trap, particularly with regards to migrating birds. The Humber is part of the UNESCO East Atlantic highway. We are the pathway that thousands of birds cross, and World Heritage are in the process of making the Humber a World Heritage Protected site. More overhead pylons would obstruct their route especially with the thicker new lines that are proposed. The area is home to a number of wetland sites, where various species of birds flock in their hundreds/thousands.

The way we generate electricity in the UK is changing rapidly, and we are transitioning to cheaper, cleaner, and more secure forms of energy such as the new offshore windfarms. The Parish Council understand and support that, but not at any cost. We are striving to move forward, so let's move forward away from archaic infrastructure systems.

Finally, the Parish Council Support Rt. Hon. David Davis comments relating to the environmental and visual impact on areas of high landscape value, a copy of the letter is attached for your reference, together with supporting letter/report produced by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

.....Chairman

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